

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the transport device 1 described here, the transport element 9 may be designed as an a single elastic metal band, but a single belt made from plastic or from a composite material is preferably selected, which, as seen in the transport direction, preferably has low elasticity, so that forces introduced into the belt, that is to say into the transport element, by a drive can be transmitted reliably, even over long distances, consequently ensuring a drive of the basic carriers 11 which are mounted on the transport element 9 or the belt.